

May 27, 2004

Re: NAB petition # 04-160: the NAB's attempt to stop XM Radio from providing XM Traffic and Weather

Dear FCC:

As a voting taxpayer it concerns me greatly that the FCC is considering limiting XM radio's ability to provide my family and me, paying customers, with services like traffic and weather news.

I engage my family routinely in current political and environmental topics, and in this election year, with two new voters--both avid satellite radio enthusiasts--just coming of age in our house, the conversations of late have been growing more earnest by the day.

Should the FCC rule against Satellite radio's free market practices of providing services such as weather and traffic, services its customers gladly pay for, I am afraid it will be one more piece of evidence weighing towards what several members of my family, indeed, my community, see as the current administration's indifference to the people it was elected to serve. It will be one more sign that this administration strives only to serve the personal interests of a few.

I urge you to consider carefully the public at large, a rapidly growing, well-educated public: reject NAB petition 04-160.

Respectfully,

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